

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 347

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN ESP**, on April 15, 2003 at 5 P.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Rep. Edith Clark, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Emily Stonington (D)
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rosana Skelton, Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 347, 4/12/2003
Executive Action: SB 347 - Adopted as Amended

[No tape recording was made of this meeting.]

CHAIRMAN JOHN ESP, SD 133, Big Timber, called the meeting to order. He explained the committee was charged with amending the House Amendments to SB 347, an Act Generally Revising the Laws Relating to Public Mental Health Services.

Motion/Vote: **SENATOR BOB KEENAN** moved Amendment #SB034715.asb BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN ESP allowed **Representative Mark Noennig** to speak, as he was the author of the House amendments. He explained that the

language in HB 204 is going to be repealed, and the proposed amendment was meant to provide continuity of mental health services. Also, this bill terminates June 30, 2005. They wanted to encourage contracts with service area authorities, and demonstration projects.

Susan Fox voiced her concerns that sections could not be implemented if Medicaid did not grant waivers.

Russ Carter, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), explained that Medicaid did not allow sole source contracts with any provider, and they would need waivers for that as well.

SENATOR KEENAN moved that the committee adopt Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Amendment #SB034716.asb. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Representative Eve Franklin moved that SB 347 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED by the Conference Committee . Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN ESP adjourned the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

SEN. JOHN ESP, Chairman

Rosana Skelton, Secretary

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